IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF ARKANSAS PINE BLUFF DIVISION

JAMES E. BUTLER ADC #145762

PETITIONER

VS.

5:12CV00200 SWW/JTR

RAY HOBBS, Director, Arkansas Department of Correction

RESPONDENT

ORDER

Respondent has filed a Response (docket entry #14) arguing that Petitioner's habeas claims are: (1) untimely; (2) procedurally defaulted; and (3) fail on the merits. The Court concludes that a Reply would be helpful to the resolution of this action.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

- 1. Petitioner shall file a Reply, addressing the arguments raised in the Response (docket entry #14), on or before August 9, 2013.
- 2. Petitioner's Motion for Default Judgment (docket entry #10) is DENIED.

¹ Prior to the filing of the Response, Petitioner filed a Motion requesting a default judgment and "contempt of court." (Docket entry #10). However, Petitioner overlooks the fact that the Response was timely filed pursuant to a Court-ordered extension. (Docket entries #9 and #13).

Dated this 16th day of July, 2013.

UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE